

# GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS LETTER

July 1994

## GLCCE: Edmonton's center for gay and lesbian groups

The boardroom at the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre is available for lesbigay groups to hold regular meetings. For a minimum \$10 monthly donation, groups can book as many meetings each month as they need and use the centre as a mail drop and for phone messages, and publish announcements in the GLCCE newsletter.

### Groups at GLCCE

GALA's main work is to include the phrase "sexual orientation" in the Individual Rights Protection Act of Alberta, the Canadian Human Rights Code, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The committee sponsors educational forums, letter-writing campaigns, lobbies politicians and presents briefs to government committees.

GALA also works towards increased public awareness and understanding of gay and lesbian issues. GALA works on human rights issues in individual cases of discrimination.

Membership is voluntary to this non-profit organization.

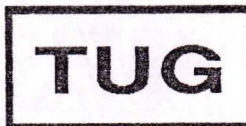
The dancing figures symbolize the celebration of sexuality and of difference.



The Umbrella Group of individuals and organizations is dedicated to work together in community to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. TUG is people finding ways to educate and inform other people about discrimination. TUG has responded to the city Police Chief after the raids in the parks in October, 1993 and presented a position paper to the Alberta Human Rights Commission Review Panel in March 1994. TUG wants mainstream society to learn that the LesBiGay community is a diverse spectrum of valuable and contributing citizens. By assisting journalists and broadcasters and other groups put a personal face on persons of different sexual orientations, TUG works to stop the ignorance that leads to fear, and fear to hate.

TUG welcomes everyone to their open forum meetings the first Monday every month at GLCCE, 7 p.m. #104 11745 Jasper Avenue. For more information call Canadas at 448-0192, Gord at 436-8774 or Kieran at 425-3707.

In June of 1992 the Edmonton Police Service and the gay and lesbian community this committee was formed to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect through effective communication and



understanding. The Edmonton Police Service is committed to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens. The police strongly endorse the principle that everyone has the right to services that are free of bias, prejudice or harassment.

The committee focuses on effective two-way communication, education and awareness, identify and resolve crime and safety concerns and to increase police awareness of lifestyle issues. You can contact the Police Liaison Committee by calling 424-72481 pager:293 (24 hours a day), leave your name and number, confidentiality is assured. Or call Murray Billet at 482-7421 or Liz Massiah at 489-7998.

Edmonton Vocal Minority Board meets at the Gay and Lesbian Community

Centre to plan and organize the activities of the 1994/95 season of this choir of gay, lesbian, bisexual and straight performers. EVM is a non-profit society and welcomes the contributions of "Vocal Donors". Subscriptions are available at \$32 or \$20 for EVM's new season featuring a concert with Heather Bishop, a special Valentine song-fest, spring excitement with singers from all across Alberta and the 3rd annual Voices of Pride concert celebrating gay and lesbian Pride Week. Pick up the EVM flyer at GLCCE or write Edmonton Vocal Minority at P.O. Box 12091, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2.



THE LIAISON COMMITTEE





## In honor of Tiffany

In honor of Tiffany Marchenski, our connections to her and grief at the loss of her young lesbian life, all are welcome to a gathering circle to share, talk and listen Friday July 22 (tentative) at 7:30 p.m. at GLCCE. If you were in some way moved by Tiffany's life/death and were staff at Grant MacEwan College, a classmate, a member of the Gay and Lesbian Community, a friend...or if you were not in her acquaintance but were touched by her life/death please come.

Contact Melody Tomkow at 421-4332 to confirm the date and for information.

## GLCCE dance in August

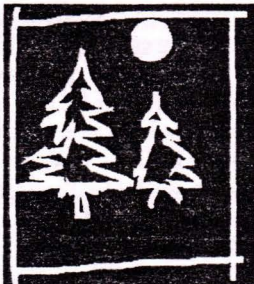
The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre is taking over Bonnie Doon Hall from Womonspace this August to host a mixed dance on Saturday, August 20. GLCCE members will receive their new Membership Cards in the mail with the GLCCE August newsletter. Present the GLCCE card at the door of the dance to get in for \$5, all other pay \$7. Come early, we expect a hot summer sellout! To get into the dance for nothing GLCCE members should leave a message with Paul at 488-3234 about volunteering to work at the dance.

## The Great Alberta Camp-Out

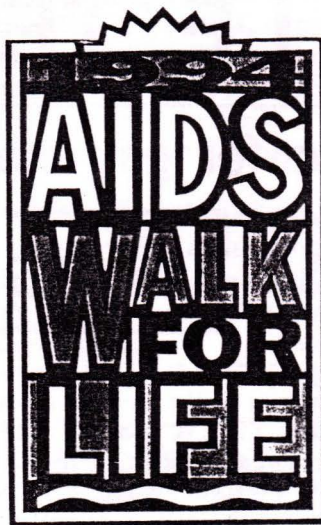
All members of Alberta's lesbian and gay community are invited to join

GALACA on a three day Camp-Out, September 2-4. The Gay

and Lesbian Association of Central Alberta host three days of outdoor fun at Burbank Park, 5 minutes Northeast of Red Deer. Only 300 tickets are available for \$12.50 which includes



admittance to Meet and Greet Weiner roast, 2 dances, Stampede pancake breakfast and group campsite fee. Call 346-8927 or leave a message for Paul DeLeon at GLCCE 488-3234 for tickets.



## Walk for Life

1994 AIDS Walk for Life to raise money to fight AIDS and to support people living with HIV/AIDS is Sunday, October 2 at Rundle Park, Recreation Centre. Registration is free until September 23, after is will cost \$10. Pick up registration forms at GLCCE or around town, then mail, fax or call 488-3735 (#201 11456 Japer Ave. T5K 0M1) To join GLCCE's Walk For Life Team call Pat at 454-4932.

AIDS Dance For Life, new this year, is a partner event with AIDS Walk for Life. On Saturday October 1 beginners, students and instructors will take classes in country, latin, ballroom, ballet, modern, tap or jazz. If you raise \$50 in pledges the class are free. All participants must pre-register before September 23. call Mary Steveson at 487-4587, fax 488-3735 or mail to :P.O. Box 67803 Meadowlark Place Post Office, T5R 5Y3. Pick up your registration form at GLCCE.

## Drop-in at Womonspace

Womonspace Drop-in at the Women's Building, 9930 106 Street from 7:30 - 9 p.m. is the first Thursday of every month. All women are welcome for coffee and chat

## Bereavement support group for lesbians

YWCA Bereavement services is offering an eight-week program for lesbians who have experienced family or partner bereavement through death. The program offers a safe, confidential, supportive environment in which to do the work of grieving, mourning and healing. The next session is September 28 through November 16. Registration is \$140.00 and must be completed before September 14. For Information call Paula, Marj or Oe'livia at 429-8715, Mar works

## Letters to GLCCE

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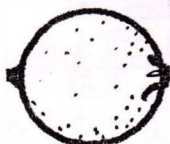
I just want to thank all the members of Gay and Lesbian Pride '94 Committee and the groups that held events that made this year's Pride Week a great success. As past chair of Pride '93, I know all the long hours each of you all put into this week. You all should give yourself a pat on your back. You all deserve it! Thank-you for making Pride '94 a great week.

David Hicks



## Lesbians once married to men

Project Lemonade needs participants willing to complete a questionnaire or interview by September 15. A discussion session will follow on October 15 to discuss what supports the women found and what they wanted while in transition. Questionnaires are available at GLCCE. Please contact Anne at 437-4055 for more information.



## Join the Team this summer

Team Edmonton Gay and Lesbian Sports and Leisure Association has events and BBQ's planned for the summer. Call Lance at 425-1531 for information. GLSLA meets a GLCCE the last Sunday of the month.

## Kamloops Gay Cruise and Party is August 13

The Wanda-Sue has seating for 100 lesbian and gay passengers for its 3 hour cruise Saturday, August 13. A party at the Yacht Club follows where you can dance with your fellow "sailors." Tickets are \$10 for the cruise, \$7 for the dance. Call 372-1063.

## GLCCE closed on Saturdays

The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre will be closed on Saturday's during July and August. The Saturday Market has moved to Wednesday afternoons at GLCCE from 1 - 4 p.m.

Womon-to-Womon Books and Queer Notions Novelties will be at GLCCE each Wednesday to sell books, jewelry, buttons stickers and cards.

The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre will be open all summer, except the week of August 15-20, (giving all our volunteers a holiday.)

## Library catalogued in August

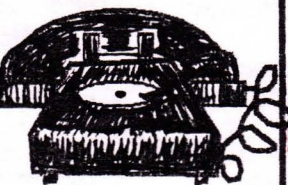
The GLCCE library is being re-catalogued on computer this August. Thank to the donation of an Amiga 500 by Al, GLCCE member, a simple program will allow hosts to search for books in the GLCCE library according to title, author, subject and ISBN number.

The new program will print proper labels for the spines of books to allow them to be filed on the shelves with greater ease.

GLCCE hopes this will improve the use of our library for research and encourage donations of more materials.

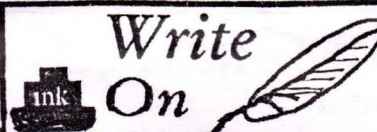
The new computerized library system will make it easier to track books that seem to disappear. When a book is checked out, the GLCCE members name will be entered in the program, and erased when the book is returned. Only GLCCE hosts and board members will have access to these lists but hosts can run title searches for members.

When  
we're  
calling  
you



All GLCCE members will be contacted by phone during July by a member of the GLCCE Education Committee. The committee is starting a speakers bureau, comprised of GLCCE members, and will send those members who indicate their interest an information package and questionnaire.

Phone inquiries will be discreet. If you would prefer to initiate this call, phone Pat at 454-4932 (days).



## Blue Collar Queers

Susan Raffo is compiling an anthology of writings by working class and poor gays, lesbians, bisexuals, two-spirited, transgendered and transexual people. Write for guidelines with a self addressed stamped envelope to Susan Raffo, Anthology, PO Box 8939, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Deadline is October 1, 1994.

## Homophobia High

Rainbow Writes is looking for personal stories from lesbian, gay and bisexual youth on homophobia and harassment from peers and educators in high school. Contributors who get published will receive a copy of this anthology, "Homophobia High". Write James Chamberlain, 303-3308 Vanness Avenue, Vancouver BC V5R 5A8 (604) 439-7237.

## Lesbian Sex Anthology

Women's Press, publishers of Getting Wet want to know "do lesbians f\*ck?" The press is putting together a new Lesbian Sex Anthology and wants to know where, when and with who. The Women's Press wants submissions with humor, passion, drama, S/M, butch/femme, explicit, vanilla, they want it all!

Women's Press wants poems and short fiction, maximum 5,000 words or approximately 20 pages, double-spaced and typed on a letter quality printer. Do not send originals and include 2 self addressed stamped envelopes and a one paragraph bio. Deadline is August 31. Send material to Lesbian Sex Anthology, Women's Press #233 517 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M6G 4A2.



## New Dyke News Out of Ottawa

Labrys, a new newspaper from Ottawa wants to raise the profile of lesbians by providing a lesbian perspective on events in our lives and by promoting events lesbians will enjoy. Labrys is available free at GLCCE or by subscription at 111 Albert St. Box 81104 Ottawa, ON, K1P 1A5. Deadline for submissions to September/October issue is July 30. Call or Fax (613) 237-6150 for editorial or advertising info.

## Toronto Invitational Tennis Challenge

The Toronto Lesbian and Gay Tennis Association (TLGTA) is hosting this tournament July 29-August 1 at L'Amoreaux Tennis Centre. TLGTA has 130 members and is part of GLTA Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance, the international organizing body for competitive gay and lesbian tennis circuit. This tournament is a forerunner to the first GLTA sanctioned international tournament, The Canadian Gay and Lesbian Tennis Open May 18-21 1995 in Toronto.

Need to meet some new womyn on womyn owned land?  
Come and relax on a

**Womyn's Country Getaway**  
at Labyrith Lake Lodge 70 km S.E. of Edmonton  
October 21-23

**Enjoy** the panoramic view from a 1200 sq. ft. smoke free cabin on the water, with wood and furnace heat, running water and shower, 12 beds and a pull-out couch.

**Enjoy** the bikes, skis, canoes, snowshoes, tabogans, an outdoor fire pit, trampoline and ping pong table, electric keyboard and tapedeck hammocks, croquet and swimmers raft provided for you.

All you need to bring is a pillow, sleeping bag, towel and musical instruments. *Your Confidentiality is Assured*

The \$45 registration cost includes accomodation and food.

To register send a cheque to:

Labyrinth Lake Lodge R.R. 1, Site 2, Box 3 Millet, ToC 1Z0  
along with your name and contact information regarding food allergies and preferences

**Call 878-3301 for more information.**

## GLCCE Garage Sale

Saturday July 23 & Sunday July 24  
9a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**10231 - 121 Street**

All merchandise  
previously lesbigay  
owned!  
Womon-to-Womon  
Books on site!

A GLCCE Fundraiser.

## Care To Join Us?

The Gay and Lesbian  
Community Centre of  
Edmonton

#104 11745 Jasper Avenue

Write: PO Box 1852

Edmonton AB

T5K 2P2

488-3234 InfoLine 988-4018

### GLCCE Offers:

- Drop in and peer counselling
- Library facilities
- boardroom available for bookings
- an information bulletin board
- referrals for LesBiGay positive lawyers, doctors, counsellors etc.
- information on LesBiGay organizations in Edmonton.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$25 per year

☐ \$40 family

☐ \$15 fixed  
income

☐ \$20 fixed income  
family

☐ Please contact me as a volunteer!